

Dear Sirs,

As a loyal subscriber of the XM Radio service I am urging you to reject NAB's petition 04-160. The National Association of Broadcasters' petition 04-160 is an effort to restrict a free market and avoid what media listeners demand, broadcasting services that fit their needs. The radio market is a business venture, and it is a radio station's responsibility to provide listeners with programming that will capture the listener's interest and needs, not attempt to create legislation that goes against our market economy and denies listeners of their rights to seek the programming that meets their needs.

As a business person, I travel though the Northeastern United States extensively by car, and use the local programming of my XM service to navigate different cities and prepare for or go around specific weather and traffic patterns. XM's local services are more extensive than local public radio provides, as well as continuous. They detail the geographic location and direction of a traffic problem, as well as provide exact commute times between landmarks throughout cities. They can also be found on the same stations on XM programming no matter where you are in the United States. XM as a service has gone to great lengths to provide its users with what they demand, and they deserve the right to continue to provide and expand their local services as their subscribers demand. After all, we are paying customers.

In conclusion, the National Association of Broadcasters, as a representative group for radio stations across the country, should be urged to compete with XM and provide local programming that will take market share back, instead of attempting to create restrictions on competition. Please help preserve the right of us as Americans to listen to what we want and reject NAB's petition 04-160.

Thank you for your time.